



Request for Expedited Procedure  
Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Group Art Unit: 3682  
Docket No.: X2007.0139

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Toru Makino et al.

Application No.: 10/653,994

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Art Unit: 3682

For: STEERING AND PRODUCTION METHOD  
THEREFOR

Examiner: V. Luong

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, finally rejecting claims 4-15, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.

## FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	12	- 20* =		X	
Independent	1	- 3** =		X	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					0.00

\*not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

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## CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.